



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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Free

5th Anniversary edition

We've said goodbye to Villages in Action, but we'll soon be saying hello to

Mary Tavy Live!

Watch this space for exciting news later in the year.

Beating the Bounds in 1982. Getting ready to set off,

Beating the Bounds Saturday 12th August

This summer we'll be celebrating the ancient ritual of Beating the Bounds, a 'perambulation of the parish boundaries'. The planning group have decided to make it as accessible as possible for all ages and abilities by dividing the route into five sections, so some may choose to walk less than the full 17.5 miles of the boundary, much of which is over rough ground.



One of the sections will be by "mechanised transport" as the main road is considered too dangerous. It is hoped everyone will finish at more or less the same time on the route from Hill Bridge to the Church. Certificates will be awarded to everyone who has taken part, and there'll be a barbecue afterwards, free to certificate holders.

The last Beating the Bounds was in 2008. Will any this year be able to match the 88 year old who completed the full perimeter then?

Registration is essential with a final date one week before at the Country Fayre. A registration form will be included in the next Newsletter.

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Defibrillator now ready to save lives in Mary Tavy

The Parish Council has been successful in applying for funding from the Town & Parish Fund for an AED, an automated external defibrillator, which has now been installed on the outside of the PO & Stores.

It uses audio and visual commands, designed to be simple to use for the layperson. It is virtually foolproof, and won't work on someone whose heart is healthy. The defibrillator is housed in a metal cupboard which is temperature controlled, and it is connected to a mains supply to ensure the battery is always fully charged, ready for use.

Anyone phoning the ambulance service locally regarding a suspected heart attack will be given its location.

Prior to identifying TAP funding, the Jubilee Group had been planning to apply for grants for one or more AEDs. The PO & Stores was identified as an ideal location, being noticeable, and with easy access not just within the village but along the A386.

Grateful thanks go to Martin & Tracey at the PO & Stores for their help and willingness to host the AED on behalf of the community.





Work is well underway at the Blackdown site

Ten years after planning permission was granted, clearing the site started in April and very quickly the familiar but deteriorating workshop and bungalow disappeared, the fuel tanks were dug out, and some of the trees were uprooted. As we write this Newsletter the site is clear and being profiled.



The developer is finalising landscaping designs with Dartmoor National Park, with decisions being made on landscaping contours, stone types for the site, and the species of trees to be planted.

They hope to start groundworks in late July. From that time they anticipate having the development completed in about sixteen months.

Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 15th June 'Dowsing in Brentor'

A talk by Nigel Twinn

No meeting in July or August. Meetings in Brentor Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month. Visitors very welcome. £2.00 on the door.

- Heather Webster 810004

Clubs & Local Contacts

There is no space in this issue for the list of contact details, but it is available on the Jubilee Group website. • www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI

We have just had our AGM and are pleased to welcome Bev Ross as a new committee member, Jill Lamerton was voted in as new President. Retiring President, Barbara Weeks, and Treasurer, Margaret Hobbs were warmly thanked for their years in office.

We had a WI Adviser and a trainee Adviser to the meeting and were all glad to hear that County Office recognise that West Devon WIs are being left out on a limb because county events are too difficult to get to.

The usual Spring Sale went well with the sort of things for which the WI are renowned ie plants and cakes selling well, approx. £330 was made for the WI.

Our next meeting is on election day, so should not be easy to forget! We shall meet at the Methodist Hall at 3pm after the Knit and Natter Group, many thanks to the Methodists for letting us use their hall. Our speaker will be Anita Prosser talking about food in her life. Knit and Natter people are warmly invited to stay on and enjoy Anita's talk.

- Barbara Weeks 810697

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Forthcoming Events

Sat 16th Sept
Live Music 'Lillismith'



Sat 11th Nov
1st World War
Themed
Help for Heroes
Dinner

Quiz, last Sunday
every month, 8.30pm

Sunday Carvery,
12.30-2.30pm

OAPs' Lunch every Thursday

Nicky Pratten to retire as Headteacher

Nicky has written to tell us she has made the very difficult decision to retire early at the end of this term after 15½ years as Headteacher of our fantastic school. "I have had the privilege of working with wonderful children, staff, Governors and parents over the years and it has been so rewarding to see our children flourish and reach their full potential. Our school is such a lovely happy place which will always have a special place in my heart and I would like to thank everyone in the community who has supported the school and me whilst I have been here."

We wish Nicky well in her future, and thank her for all she has done for this community.

Next Newsletter

Copydate for the Aug/Sept issue is 20th July.

- contact details on back page



Sat 15th July

Open from noon
music 12:30pm until Midnight

Tickets from various outlets including
Mary Tavy Post Office & Stores

www.brenstock.org.uk

Allotments for Mary Tavy?

An allotment brings great benefits along with the work needed to manage it properly. As well as incredibly tasty home grown produce, allotment keeping brings a healthier lifestyle, fresh air and the camaraderie of like-minded people. Growing your own fruit and vegetables also helps the environment by reducing food miles, and increasing biodiversity. At present there are no allotments in Mary Tavy however they have to be provided if enough people are keen to get organised and take one on.

Allotments are referred to as "The Green Gym" - just 30 minutes of gardening on your allotment can burn around 150 calories, the same as doing low



Artful Toddlers, supported by the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group and the Recreation Ground, bring you another

Mary Tavy Play Day



Wed 9th Aug

11am to 3pm

Recreation Ground & Coronation Hall

Lots of games, sports and crafts. Bring a picnic. Free

impact aerobics. In addition they are a great stress reliever and a good way to relax. An allotment is your own space to create and develop your own gardening ideas and a great way to get the rest of the family (particularly the young ones) out in the fresh air and involved.

If managed properly, an allotment can produce enough food to supplement a family's weekly shop with fresh fruit and vegetables over the year. This does require hard work and dedication but even the smallest crop grown is money saved from the weekly bill, and the taste of fresh home grown food is way beyond the mass produced fruit and vegetables available in the supermarkets.

As well as the many benefits keeping an allotment brings to the individual, allotment sites are recognised as community assets because they improve the local environment and reduce food miles to food metres. They can improve community nutrition and increase a community's sustainability.

At the Parish Council meeting in May there was a lot of enthusiasm for developing an allotment site. It was stated that a good deal of work was done by the Jubilee Group in the recent past to bring community growing to the village with a potential site having been identified, but that project had sadly faltered through the illness of the person leading the initiative.

What is needed now is for those of us who are interested in setting up and taking on an allotment to meet and discuss how to get things moving again.

If you are interested in being part of this initiative and taking on an allotment in Mary Tavy could you please let me know by 30th June, preferably by email.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Mary Tavy Parish Council

Councillors are pleased to report that the first of our planned improvements to the provision of emergency equipment within the Parish has been successfully completed. A Public Access Heart Defibrillator in its easy to open cabinet has been fitted to the front wall of Mary Tavy Post Office and Stores and is now fully operational. This appliance is battery powered and is light weight and easy to carry. It is also semi-automatic in operation and gives voice prompts and visual indicators to ensure that use is as straight forward as possible. We are of course deeply grateful to Martin and Tracy Bradford the owners of the premises for not only giving consent for the installation but in agreeing to monitor and record its operational condition.

The second improvement is the creation of a Community Night Landing Site on the Recreation Ground for use by the Devon Air Ambulance. A formal Planning Application has been deposited with the DNPA and we hope that it will be swiftly processed by them using "delegated powers." We firmly believe that such a facility must surely enjoy universal support as the speedy arrival of an air ambulance could so easily be the difference between life and death for a seriously ill parishioner.

With regard to the erection of steel masts, by complete coincidence, the Parish Council has been asked to consider an application for the erection of a 15m telecommunication mast on farmland approximately 500m from our Primary School. Such a development under the terms of the Town & Country Planning Act is classified as "permitted development" and has been lodged with the DNPA on behalf of Telefonica (UK) Ltd. and Vodafone. The mast is designed to carry 3 antennae and 2 dish arrays. There is of course very limited scope for comment by anyone under "permitted development" regulations. Equally it is also unclear how much mobile phone signal coverage will be improved in Mary Tavy by this development.

All of these changes and improvements together with a slowly improving Superfast Broadband provision will improve the basic infrastructure of our community. To complement these changes MTPC will conduct

a formal review of the Local Emergency Plan. Unfortunately, while "community resilience" is highly desirable, the creation and updating of Emergency Plans are renowned for absorbing a great deal of time and effort. We shall, of course, do all that we can to complete this work as quickly as possible but as MTPC does not run at anything like full strength it may take far longer than we would like.

A very successful Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 18th April in the Coronation Hall. The new "Drop-In" format proved a great success and the atmosphere during the meeting was relaxed and positive. We were all pleased to meet those parishioners who chose to attend and to listen to their comments, concerns and problems.

I have been asked to point out that parishioners may bring important issues to the attention of the Council at any time and immediately prior to our monthly public meeting the Council allows a short time period for parishioners to speak to the assembled Council. Councillors and Clerk are always ready to listen to reports from the public and often action is taken immediately and progress reported back at the following monthly meeting.

The election of County Councillors to serve on Devon County Council took place on the 4th May. It probably came as a surprise to most parishioners to find that we are now part of the Yelverton Rural Division instead of Okehampton Rural. The successful candidate was Councillor Philip Sanders who has already served the Yelverton Division for 8 years. He is also the Leader of WDBC and a member of the DNPA. We look forward to welcoming him to Mary Tavy Parish, a new addition to his division, in the near future.

The May meeting of MTPC was also the occasion of our Annual General Meeting during which time Officers for the coming year were appointed. The Chairman of MTPC for the year 2017 / 18 is Councillor John Hill and I am certain he will be a very positive force in further improving the work of your Parish Council.

Cllr Peter Jarvis
Vice-Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council

Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

5th Anniversary



More than 20 people turned up for the Litter Pick, October 2015.



Large crowds turned up for Heritage Days, open events looking at - and adding to - the Jubilee Heritage Collection, April 2016.



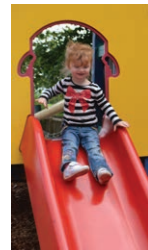
Your Community Matters brought the public together with dozens of local groups and organisations, September 2015.



Planting trees donated by Dartmoor National Park, in the Recreation Ground, on a cold and wet morning, March 2015.

The Jubilee Group was formed in June 2012, its first event being a Beacon Bonfire event for the Queen's Jubilee – which of course inspired the name of the group.

Over the past five years we've arranged and been involved in many events and activities and raised thousands of pounds to enhance the parish.



Refurbishment of the Kids' Play Area, after it had been closed for a year, summer 2015.



A fitness session, using the Outdoor Gym Equipment, installed in the Recreation Ground thanks to a grant from Tesco Bags of Help scheme, summer 2016.



Play Day was a lovely summer get-together for parents and children, August 2016.



A winning entry in the Guy competition at Bonfire Night 2013.



Flood equipment is available for anyone to use, thanks to a community grant, 2015.



The Jubilee Group's entry in the first Christmas Tree Festival, 2014



Creating tyre planters at the old garage site made a huge improvement to the centre of the village, summer 2015.



Snooker Club Final




The snooker final was played on 3rd May, between Jerry Lock and Martyn Smale.

The first frame went to an exciting black ball finish. Martyn was eventually successful in potting the final black, to win the frame. The second frame featured some good snookers and breaks, and was finally won by Martyn.

The trophy was presented by Committee member, Leon Psyk.

Congratulations to Martyn Smale, who also won the snooker trophy in 2015, 2013 and 1992!

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Parish Council AGM

At their Annual General Meeting in May, the Parish Council elected the following officers and representatives:

Chair, John Roy Hill / Vice-Chair, Peter Jarvis / Chair of Finance, Roger Page / Chair of Planning, Michael Fife Cook / Chair of Cemetery, Peter Jarvis / Emergency Officer & Snow Warden, John Roy Hill / Webmaster, John Roy Hill / Southern Parishes Link, George Hill and Roger Page / DNPA, George Hill / Coronation Hall, Graham Ross

Graham Ross was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting in April. There are currently six Councillors and three vacancies.

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month in the Reading Room. Parishioners' time 7.15pm, meeting 7.30pm.

**Methodist Chapel
& Hall**

Fri 23rd June, 7.30pm
Musical Celebration
This Green & Pleasant Land
Sir Joshua Reynolds Choir
Tickets £5 on the door

Sat 24th July, 2-4pm
Cream Teas on the Lawn
(indoors if wet)

Regular activities:

Jigsaw Swap
3rd Mon of month, 10.30-
11.30am, refreshments

Sensory Team
4th Tues of month, 10am-1pm

Artful Toddlers
Weds in term time, 9.15-11.15am
• Kerri Higham, 810786,
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Knit & Natter
Thurs, 1pm-3pm
• Wilma Miners, 810040
• Tony Smith, 820575

"... many people nowadays like marmalade instead"

The quote from an A.A.Milne poem seems appropriate, as marmalade is certainly the biggest seller from the produce stand in the driveway of The Stannary. Profit from the produce on sale goes to the Jubilee Group to provide additional support for the community.

When a new stand for the produce was needed the Refurnish Shop in Tavistock very kindly donated one free. They also gave a free bread making book, so expect to see breads on sale very soon. Thank you Refurnish Shop.

Unfortunately quite a few jars of jams, marmalades and chutneys are taken without payment; we just hope it is not locals who are stealing from their own community.



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Mary Tavy Tithe Apportionment

The Devon County Record Office holds many items of historical interest, including tithe maps and apportionments which are an important source of information about the history and topography of each parish. They provide details of land ownership and occupation, and the type of cultivation of the land, and are often the earliest complete maps of parishes. They were produced in order to assess the tithe payable to the parish church for the support of the church and its clergy. This tithe had been paid in kind until The Commutation Act in 1836, when it was agreed that the tithe should be converted to a monetary payment. During the following years tithe maps and apportionment documents were drawn up for all parishes.

The Jubilee Group has a digital copy of the Tithe Apportionment for the parish of Mary Tavy, dating from 1846.

It consists of 38 pages of beautiful and clear script detailing parcels of land and properties. The tithe map which would enable each listed of land to be identified is not yet available digitally, but we will obtain a copy when we can.

Extract from the introduction to the Tithe Apportionment -

Articles of Agreement for the Commutation of the Tithes of the Parish of Marytavy in the County of Devon in persuance of the Act for the commutation of tithes in England and Wales made and executed at a Meeting duly called and first holden in the said parish and adjourned and holden by adjournment on the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and since perfected by and between the several persons Owners of Land within the said Parish by whom or by whose Agents duly authorised on that behalf these presents are executed and in interest of which Land Owners in the Lands of the said Parish is not less than two thirds of the Lands therein subject to tithes of the one part and the Reverend Anthony Buller who as Rector of the said Parish is owner of all the tithes accruing therein of the other part.

The monetary value attributed to the tithes totals
£4,150.

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					A.	R.	P.	Amount of Rent-Charge apportioned upon the several Lands, and Payable to the Rector.	
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		845	Yard and Outhouses			1	2		
		860	Road				15		
		861	do				24		
		879	Brook				36		
		841	House				18		
		843	North Warren	pasture	39	2	32	6 4	
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Mary Tavy Country Fayre

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Sunday
6th August
from 12 noon

Compassionate Neighbours



The Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours scheme, which aims to support people in our local community living with a serious long-term condition, suffering from a life-limiting illness, or approaching end of life, has now "gone live".

Volunteers are still being sought, ideally with some experience in health or social care, so if you are interested in supporting the project, either as a volunteer or by way of a small donation, please contact us.

- Mark Alderson, Co-ordinator,
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Mary Tavy & Brentor
Primary School
Summer Fayre
Friday 30th June 6pm
Coronation Hall



Tavistock 01822 612345
Yelverton 01822 855055
Okehampton 01837 52371
Bere Peninsula 01822 840606

News from the School

We had a huge amount of sporting success last term with our teams winning the Tavistock Small Schools Swimming Gala, Tag Rugby Festival and Football Tournament. Our Cross Country runners came second in the Small School Cross Country League with many of our children earning places in the top twenty overall. We continue to promote sport at the school and will be entering a wide variety of competitions in the local area this term as well as celebrating National Sports Week in June.

We are delighted that our waterless toilet, the Woo Woo, has been installed at our field as a result of the Tesco Bags of Help grant. This will make a huge difference to the outdoor curriculum and the school will now be able to organise and run events for other schools and the community. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

Our popular clubs are up and running; drama, art, sewing, singing, Fun at the Field, scooter, computer and singing clubs. We have some very exciting topics for this term: Plants and Animals, Invaders and Settlers and What a Beautiful World and to link in with our topics, KS2 will be visiting RHS Rosemoor and KS1 hope to visit Dartmoor Zoo.

We have nearly reached our target to enable the school to fund a Guide Dog puppy. Our concert with the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir and our Singing Club really boosted the funds. Do feel very welcome to come along to our PTA Summer Fayre on Friday 30th June between 6.00 and 8.00pm at Coronation Hall.

Nicky Pratten
Headteacher

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is a Charitable Trust. The Objects of the Trust are -

"The advancement of community development, environmental improvement and heritage, through projects undertaken by and for the residents of the parish of Mary Tavy in the county of Devon."

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